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POTUS to Visit Flint on May 4

[Michael Moore says would drink own urine before Flint water in Obama rant](#)

By Roberto Acosta MLIVE 04/27/16 4:58 PM

In an open letter on his Facebook page to President Obama, Flint native Michael Moore has harsh words for the Commander-in-Chief and his plans to visit the city next week. "Finally, after months of us begging you to come to Flint, you've decided to visit next Wednesday," said Moore in an April 27 post. "I know this will make many people happy and grateful. But, as one who voted for you twice and was thrilled beyond belief over your election, I'm sorry to tell you your visit is too little too late."

[White House urges congressional action amid Flint water crisis](#)

By Thomson Reuters Foundation 04/27/16 4:25 PM

Obama's trip to Flint, Michigan next week is aimed at highlighting the ongoing need to help that community recover in the wake of its drinking water crisis, the White House said on Wednesday in urging the Republican-led Congress to take action. "There are a number of things that the administration has done, but there are significant underlying problems that can only be addressed through congressional action," White House spokesman Josh Earnest told reporters at a daily briefing.

[Obama to visit Flint after 8-year-old girl's heartfelt email](#)

By Dave Bartkowiak Jr. Click on Detroit 04/27/16 4:03 PM

President Barack Obama will be visiting Flint on Wednesday, May 4 after an 8-year-old girl reached out to him through email. Amariyanna "Mari" Copeny, who has been affectionately nicknamed "Little Miss Flint," wrote the President an email back in March explaining her involvement in the city's water crisis recovery.

President Obama Will Visit Flint, Mich., Where Tap Water is Tainted

By Julie Hirschfeld Davis, New York Times 04/27/16 4:01 PM

The White House on Wednesday said that President Obama would travel to Flint, Mich., next week to hear from residents affected by the water crisis there and get a briefing on federal response efforts. His visit will come about six months after state officials first admitted that the tap water in Flint had been tainted with lead and other chemicals, revealing a public health emergency that led to a criminal investigation and has reverberated in the presidential campaign.

See the Flint water crisis letters between Obama and an 8-year-old girl.

By Gary Ridley, MLIVE 04/27/16 4:00 PM

President Barack Obama announced he will visit Flint next week in response to the city's water crisis. But, word of the presidential visit wasn't first shared with high-profile politicians or the national media. Obama first told his plan to an 8-year-old girl from the city in the midst of a public health crisis. Obama, in an April 25 letter to Mari Copeny, announced he would be in Flint on Wednesday, May 4, to hear from residents first-hand about the city's water crisis.

Flint officials hopeful Obama's visit could bring water crisis aid to city

By Roberto Acosta, MLIVE 04/27/16 3:11 PM

Officials are sharing hopeful thoughts President Obama's planned visit to Flint will bring the spotlight back onto the city's ongoing water crisis. Obama announced Wednesday, April 27 he would visit Flint in seven days after receiving a letter from 8-year-old Amariyanna Copeny asking the president if he could visit the city going through a water crisis for more than two years now.

Obama to visit Flint after 8-year-old girl asks to meet him

By Todd Spangler, Detroit Free Press 04/27/16 3:06 PM

President Barack Obama will travel to Flint next Wednesday to see the effects caused by a spike in lead levels in the drinking water there and address public health concerns and the government response to the crisis. A White House official confirmed Wednesday morning that Obama will visit Flint on May 4 to “hear firsthand from Flint residents about the public health crisis, receive an in-person briefing on the federal efforts in place ... and deliver remarks to community members.”

Obama will head to Flint, Michigan to address water crisis

By Colin Daileida, Mashable 04/27/16 3:00 PM

President Barack Obama will travel to Flint, Michigan, on May 4 to address residents in the city as they continue to struggle with toxic levels of lead in their water supply. Obama had previously addressed the crisis in January, when he visited Detroit, but did not stop in Flint despite declaring a state of emergency in the city. Obama is expected to be briefed on the federal efforts to alleviate the crisis. He will also listen to residents before delivering a speech.

A look at 8-year-old girl who brought Obama to Flint in water crisis

By Roberto Acosta, MLIVE 04/27/16 2:57 PM

It was the words of an 8-year-old girl that finally managed to bring President Obama to Flint to get a firsthand look at how the water crisis has impacted the city. But Amariyanna Copeny has been on the front lines of the city's water crisis for months, often seen in a tiara and sash reading "Little Miss Flint" while standing at protests holding a sign or dressed in a Flint Lives Matter T-shirt at Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C.

Obama to visit Flint, Michigan to hear about water crisis

By Reuters, 04/27/16 1:50 PM

President Barack Obama will visit Flint, Michigan next week to hear from residents about the drinking water crisis, the White House said on Wednesday. Obama will visit Flint on May 4 to hear "first-hand from Flint residents about the public health crisis," and get a briefing on federal response efforts, a White House official said. Children in Flint were exposed to dangerous levels of lead in drinking water after a state-appointed city manager ordered a switch to the Flint River for supplies.

Child's letter stirs Obama's visit to Flint

By Keith Laing & Chad Livengood, Detroit News 04/27/16 1:44 PM

President Barack Obama is planning to visit Flint on May 4 to spotlight the city's lead-contaminated water that has deprived the city's 100,000 residents of reliable access to drinking and bathing water. A White House official said Obama will travel to Flint next week to "hear first-hand from Flint residents about the public health crisis, receive an in-person briefing on the federal efforts in place to help respond to the needs of the people of Flint, and deliver remarks to community members."

Obama to visit Flint after invitation from eight-year-old resident

By Oliver Milman, The Guardian 04/27/16 1:19 PM

Barack Obama will visit Flint, Michigan for the first time next week, to be briefed on efforts to tackle the toxic water crisis that has plagued the city. The US president will visit Flint on 4 May to speak to residents "about the public health crisis, receive an in-person briefing on the federal efforts in place ... and deliver remarks to community members", according to a White House official.

Gov. Rick Snyder may not be part of President Obama's Flint visit

By Todd Spangler, Detroit Free Press 04/27/16 1:04 PM

When President Barack Obama visits Flint next week, Gov. Rick Snyder may well be elsewhere. The White House announced Wednesday morning that Obama would visit Flint next week to speak to residents about the public health crisis there caused by high levels of lead found in the city's water. Asked by the Free Press whether Snyder would take part in any of the events with Obama, his press secretary, Anna Heaton, said, "We are just learning of the president's visit next week. As of now, the governor is not scheduled to be in Flint that day."

President Obama Will Visit Flint, Michigan

By MSN 04/27/16 12:50 PM [video clip]

Next week President Barack Obama will visit Flint, Michigan to address the drinking water

crisis that has plagued its residents.

Asked and Answered: President Obama Responds to an Eight-Year-Old Girl from Flint

By Ken Meyer, White House Blog 04/27/16 12:50 PM

At eight years old, Mari Copeny — known around town as “Little Miss Flint” — wrote to President Obama last month from her home in Flint, Michigan to share how she is working to bring attention to the public health crisis in her community. She also noted that she’s headed the President’s way, and asked if she could meet him during her trip to Washington, D.C. This week, President Obama wrote back to “Little Miss Flint” with some big news: He’s coming to town. On Wednesday, May 4th, the President will travel to Flint, Michigan where he will hear first-hand from Flint residents like Mari about the public health crisis, receive an in-person briefing on the federal efforts in place to help respond to the needs of the people of Flint, and speak directly with members of the Flint community.

Obama to visit Flint to survey water crisis

By Eugene Scott, CNN 04/27/16 12:45 PM

President Barack Obama will visit Flint, Michigan, next month to take a first-hand look at the water crisis affecting the city, the White House said Wednesday. The announcement came in a letter the White House posted to Medium. Obama addressed the note to 8-year-old Flint resident Mari Copeny, who asked to meet the President when she visits Washington.

Obama to visit Flint to discuss water crisis, responds to "Little Miss Flint"

By Mark Brush, Michigan Radio 04/27/16 12:10 PM

President Barack Obama plans to make his first trip to Flint, Michigan, since the city's drinking water was found to be tainted with lead. The White House announced Mr. Obama will visit the city on May 4. He's slated to receive a briefing on the federal effort to assist in the cleanup and to hear from Flint residents.

Obama first notified eight-year-old Amariyanna Copeny about his plans to visit her city. Copeny -- aka "Little Miss Flint" -- wrote the President prior to her visit to Washington D.C. asking if she could meet him.

Obama to See Flint Water Crisis First Hand

By VOA 04/27/16 12:02 PM

President Barak Obama will visit Flint, Michigan next week, putting the spotlight on the northern industrial city that has been embroiled in a lead-contaminated water crisis. The White House says Obama will fly to Flint on May 4, in response to a letter he received from eight-year-old Amariyanna Copeny. She is one of an estimated 100,000 Flint residents who have been denied reliable access to safe drinking and bathing water since the crisis began.

Obama to travel to Flint, Michigan amid city's water crisis

By Christina Coleburn, MSNBC 04/27/16 11:47 AM

President Barack Obama announced that he will be traveling to Flint, Michigan, on May 4 in a letter to a child who has been adversely affected by the stricken city's water crisis. Amariyanna "Mari" Copeny, 8, known in her community as "Little Miss Flint," wrote to the president to voice her concerns about the effects of the water contamination.

Obama to visit Flint to discuss water crisis

By AP for FOX News 04/27/16

President Obama next week will make his first trip to Flint, Michigan since the impoverished city was found to have lead-tainted drinking water, the White House said Wednesday. Obama is due to receive a briefing on the federal effort to assist in the cleanup and to hear directly from Flint residents about the toll the contamination has had on their health and their lives. In announcing his plans, Obama said he plans to "use my voice to call for change" in Flint.

Obama, responding to an 8-year old's request, will travel to Flint, Mich., next week

By Juliet Eilperin & Brady Dennis, Washington Post 04/27/16 11:36 AM

President Obama, responding to the request of an 8-year-old girl from Flint, Mich., will travel there in a week to talk with residents concerned about the high level of lead contamination in their water. Mari Copeny, who acquired the nickname Little Miss Flint for her vocal activism on the issue of lead exposure, wrote Obama last month when she was preparing to come to D.C. to watch Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder (R) testify before the

House Oversight Committee on his state's handling of the issue. Snyder, as well as the state's Department of Environmental Quality and the federal Environmental Protection Agency, have come under fire for not acting sooner to limit lead contamination coming from the city's aging pipe system.

Barack Obama to Visit Flint, Mich., Site of Mass Water Contamination

By Byron Tau, Wall Street Journal 04/27/16 11:45 AM

President Barack Obama will visit Flint, Mich., next week in his first visit to the city after a drinking water crisis captured the nation's attention, the White House said Wednesday. The May 4 visit will include meetings with local residents and a briefing on federal efforts in the city, a White House official said.

News@noon: Fighting for Flint, how young is too young?

By Detroit News 04/27/16 11:57 AM

Today is Wednesday, April 27, 2016, and President Obama has announced he will make a trip to Flint. The White House said Obama planned the trip after receiving an email from an 8-year-old Flint resident who asked to meet him while she was in Washington to attend congressional hearings about the city's water crisis last month. How do you feel about the president coming, now, to Flint? Let us know in the comments or tweet us @detroitnews.

'Little Miss Flint' gets response from President Obama

By Ryan Garza Detroit Free Press-Photo story 04/27/16

Flint resident Amariyanna 'Mari' Copeny 8, known as 'Little Miss Flint' leaves her 3rd grade class at Woodland Park Academy Charter School in Grand Blanc on Wednesday April 27, 2016 with her mother Loui 'LuLu' Brezzell after hearing a response from president Barack Obama to her letter that inspired him to visit the people of Flint, MI., dealing with the Flint Water Crisis next Week.

Obama to visit Flint, slam GOP for failing to respond to water crisis

By Dave Boyer, Washington Times 04/27/16

President Obama will visit Flint, Michigan, next week to show that he still cares about the city's water contamination crisis and to blame Republicans in Congress for ignoring the problem. Mr. Obama's trip next Wednesday will show that the administration "is committed to responding to the situation," White House press secretary Josh Earnest said.

UM, MSU to coordinate efforts on Flint health

By Candice Williams, Detroit News 04/26/16 9:36 PM

Community groups are partnering with three Michigan universities to address health challenges facing Flint residents. The initiative, known as the Healthy Flint Research Coordinating Center, will connect the community and researchers from the University of Michigan-Flint, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor and Michigan State University. It's an effort organizers say could lead to opportunities for foundation and federal funding.

Research center forming after Flint water crisis

By WWMT West Michigan, 04/27/16

A group of universities and community groups are coming together to form a research center for residents affected by the Flint water crisis. The Healthy Flint Research Coordinating Center will coordinate projects related to several things including the economic and physical health of residents. It also intends to link the work of the University of Michigan's Ann Arbor and Flint campuses, Michigan State University and the community based organization partners.

Water Standards

Flint Water Crisis: EPA To Conduct National Water Study, Action Plan So 'Every American Has Access To Safe Drinking Water'

By Lecia Bushak, Medical Daily 04/27/16 3:02 PM

From the drought in California to Michigan's public health crisis over toxic lead, the United States has experienced some rough times with drinking water of late. One would think that the high levels of lead poisoning due to the contaminated water supply in Flint would be the final straw, and it appears to have at least inspired some action; the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced yesterday that it will launch a national water study

and new action plan to improve water quality across the U.S. Joel Beauvais, deputy assistant administrator for the Office of Water at EPA, wrote a blog post on the EPA's website to make the announcement. In his post, he notes that "too little water in the West, flooding from extreme weather in the Midwest and Southeast, and the recent water quality issues in Flint, Michigan have rightly focused national attention on America's drinking water. As a country, we can and must do more to make sure that every American has access to safe drinking water."

Snyder seeks tougher lead limit for state, nation

By David Eggert & John Seewer-AP, Detroit News 04/27/16 12:00 PM

In proposing a tougher limit for lead in drinking water, Gov. Rick Snyder wants to lift Michigan from the depths of the Flint crisis to being a national model for lead monitoring that could help assess whether current rules are too lax. Nearly 1,500 water systems serving 3.3 million Americans have exceeded the Environmental Protection Agency's lead cap of 15 parts per billion at least once in the past three years.

Other News

A way out of Flint's water quality crisis

By Bonner R. Cohen, Hill 04/27/16 3:01 PM

Americans have reacted in horror and disbelief over reports that Flint, Michigan's drinking water system is dangerously contaminated by lead, a potent neurotoxin. In their April 25 article, in The Hill, Sarah Ferris and Peter Sullivan correctly point out that the problems afflicting Flint's decrepit underground water infrastructure threaten cities throughout the U.S. To keep a tragedy like the one in Flint from happening elsewhere, it is important to understand what really happened there, and to appreciate what cash-strapped municipalities can do on their own to keep their constituents from suffering a similar fate.

Three indicted in alleged \$5 million food stamp fraud scheme

By Gary Ridley, MLIVE 04/27/16 1:05 PM

Three people have been indicted on federal charges after authorities claim they operated a food stamp fraud scheme that stole more than \$5 million of taxpayer's money. A seven count indictment was unsealed Tuesday, April 26, in Flint U.S. District Court against three people who allegedly ran the fraud out of Shorthorn Meats, a grocery store at 2002 W.

Pierson Road, and a nearby car wash.

Flint pays to settle claim water investigator searched home without warrant

By Gary Ridley, MLIVE 04/27/16 8:12 AM

A lawsuit alleging a special city water theft investigator entered a home without a warrant has been settled. City attorney Stacy Erwin Oakes said Monday, April 25, the city agreed to pay \$90,000 to settle a lawsuit filed by Simeon King. King filed a federal civil rights lawsuit in April 2015 in Detroit U.S. District Court after he was arrested and charged in 2014 with obstructing an investigation at his girlfriend's home. The charge was later dismissed by a judge who ruled a warrant was required for the search.

Deaths in Flint

Two people connected to Flint water crisis found dead in three days

By Jason Silverstein, New York Daily News 04/27/16 1:49 PM

Two people connected to the Flint water crisis were found dead within days of each other this month — but authorities swear there's no connection or conspiracy behind it. Matthew McFarland, a foreman at Flint's Water Treatment Plant, was found dead in his Otter Lake home by a friend April 16, according to MLive.

Flint water crisis conspiracy theories swirl after two recent deaths

By Gary Ridley, MLIVE 04/27/16 7:51 AM

Conspiracy theories abound after a Flint water plant worker and the woman at the center of a water lawsuit were found dead within days of each other. However, investigators say any connections the deaths may have to the city's water crisis are so far unfounded.

Mom Who Sued Over Flint Water Crisis Fatally Shot

By NBC New York 04/27/16

A young mother who one of the first to sue over the Flint water crisis was shot and killed last week, NBC News reported. Sasha Avona Bell was fatally shot last week, allegedly by

someone with whom she had a relationship. Her 16-month-old son Matthew, who was also in the apartment, was not harmed. Police said the suspect gunned down another woman in the apartment.

Donations, Aid & Funding

Flint mayor in Lansing to push for water crisis relief

By Paul Egan, Detroit Free Press 04/27/16 3:42 PM

Flint Mayor Karen Weaver visited Lansing today, where she met with legislative leaders from both parties and pushed for approval of close to \$150 million in aid for her lead-poisoned city. Weaver met Wednesday afternoon with Senate Majority Leader Arlan Meekhof, R-West Olive, and Senate Minority Leader Jim Ananich, D-Flint.

MARYLAND ATHLETICS DONATES WATER TO FLINT, MICHIGAN

By UM Terps 04/27/16

The University of Maryland Athletic Department in partnership with Clifton Park Baptist Church (CPBC) came together over the weekend to donate water to those affected by the water contamination crisis in the Flint, Michigan. The humanitarian project, led by Associate Athletic Director Kristen Brown, gathered hundreds of cases of water from ICA staff members to help the CPBC meet its goal of 3,000 cases donated. The water was then transported to Flint on Sunday, April 24.

Efforts to help Flint amid water crisis get \$520K boost

By AP for Detroit News 04/27/16 10:00 AM

The Community Foundation of Greater Flint is distributing more than \$520,000 to help deal with Flint's crisis with lead-tainted water. The funding announced this week goes to Edible Flint, the Fair Food Network, the Genesee County Community Action Resource Department and the Hurley Foundation. Work planned with the grants includes improving access to health care and nutritious foods.

House conservatives: Zika fight must be paid for

By Tom Howell Jr., Washington Times 04/27/16

The Obama administration will have to combat the Zika virus and other crises by redirecting money it already has instead of tacking billions onto the federal deficit, House conservatives said Wednesday, pointing to faulty projects in Afghanistan and Social Security payments to dead people as good places to look.

Flint Residents File \$220 Million Suit Against the US Environmental Protection Agency

By Reuters & VICE 04/26/16 5:35 PM

Lawyers for residents of Flint, Michigan filed a \$220 million negligence claim against the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) due to its lack of oversight in protecting the public against dangerous lead levels in the city's water supply. Michael Pitt of the firm Pitt McGehee Palmer & Rivers said he had filed an administrative complaint on Monday with the EPA alleging injuries to over 500 people. He said a similar complaint would be filed next week covering an additional 250 Flint residents.

Elevated lead levels found in Farmington schools' water

By Virginia Gordan, Michigan Radio 04/27/16 5:20 PM

Across the state, more schools are testing their water for lead because of the Flint water crisis. And Farmington Public Schools is one of those school systems. In a letter to district families, Superintendent George Heitsch said recent testing revealed slightly elevated levels of lead in six faucets and drinking fountains in five school buildings. The letter reads, "To put this in perspective, the lead level is to not exceed the number 15 and the highest in this group was a 37. A level of 500 is considered to be 'high.'"

This Town Denied It Had A Lead Problem. Now The EPA's Telling It To Give Out Bottled Water.

By Arthur Delaney, Huffington Post 04/27/16 1:41 PM

The mayor of Galesburg, Illinois, has insisted that his town doesn't have a problem with lead pipes like the one in Flint, Michigan, that's prompted national outcry for the past six months. Rep. Cheri Bustos (D-Ill.) spoke out about Galesburg's lead levels following Associated Press reports about high levels of the dangerous poison both in Galesburg's

water and its children's blood. Mayor John Pritchard didn't appreciate what Bustos was doing.

Farmington schools plan more water testing after elevated lead found

By AP for Detroit Free Press 04/27/16 8:47 AM

More testing is planned of water in Farmington school district's buildings after slightly elevated levels of lead were found at some drinking fountains and other fixtures. Farmington Public Schools says testing was done as a precaution amid Flint's crisis with lead-tainted water.

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